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FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe *480*

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224 SPECIFIC - Dissemination of ZIPPER and USAGE Reports
to USFA and Vienna

REF: MGK-W-5635, MGK-W-5559, MGK-W-5271, WASH-13920

1. A review of the considerable correspondence on the dissemination (devious and otherwise) of ZIPPER and USAGE production to interested customers in the Austrian theater evokes one important fact -- that there is a crying need for clarification and simplification of procedures. Recapitulation of ZIPPER's anomalous position vis a vis EUCOM and the schismatic evolution of USAGE as an independent effort would be superfluous. Let it suffice to say that various spheres of influence previously precluded the direct dissemination of reports which, naturally, resulted in the haphazard growth of an unwieldy system.

2. From 1947 to late 1949 certain ZIPPER and USAGE reports, in almost all instances raw, were passed to USFA through irregular channels. Major Milano at ODDI, USFA, Salzburg, used whatever information he considered pertinent to his fields of interest and then passed the reports to Vienna. Hans Imhoff and Robert Tessier, the two main recipients, used the information contained therein to brief the High Commissioner's office. With the resignation of both following a reorganization of occupation offices, the reports were no longer properly utilized.

3. The first effort to clear up this problem was made by ☐ in mid-February 1950 when he considered the ramifications with ☐. The conclusions were cabled in VIEN-3714. According to this cable, a temporary solution was evolved which set down the following points:

a. POB would continue to pass reports of special interest (one copy to USFA, two to Vienna) via ☐ through ☐

b. Items of special interest to Vienna were to go directly and exclusively through ☐

c. POB would not dizzy directly to Vienna but would, however, forward to Vienna a copy of all MGL reports on Austria.

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4. Apparently this arrangement was not entirely satisfactory to Washington. As a result of WASH-9323 the dissemination channels were changed. The present system, still far from satisfactory, incorporates some of the points mentioned in VIEN-3714, WASH-9323, and FULL-414. This system is a real squirrel cage for a reports office, not to mention the operational angles.

5. When Lt. Col. Knapp, ODI, EUCOM, paid us a visit on 1 August, he was concerned by the so-called agreement which prevented us from disseminating directly to USFA. The colonel made his second liaison trip last week, at which time he announced that he had sent with great effort one large batch of MGLs to USFA. Since, in intelligence matters, EUCOM and USFA remain for the present separate commands, Col. Knapp was delighted by our suggestion, in accordance with WASH-13920, to make direct dissemination to USFA.

6. We propose the following distribution of ZIPPER reports pertaining to the Austrian scene:

a. One copy of each MGL to ODI, USFA. (USFA will be listed on the distribution but the ditto run-off in KARL will not be sent.) In order to save two to three weeks we shall make an extra onion-sheet copy at the time the master-ditto is typed and forward to USFA through POB channels.

b. Two copies of all regular CI MGLs (which are raw unevaluated material) to [] in Salzburg who is aware in detail of USFA CI operations and the needs of the Vienna station. This will insure coordination and avoid duplication of information. [] hopes in this way to relieve [] of the responsibility of making disseminations for which he is not qualified.

c. One copy of MGL reports on Austria to COS, Vienna.

7. Whether the approach is pro or con, everybody appears to take a rather strong view of USAGE material. Judging by MGK-W-5271 and MGK-W-5559, the Austrian Desk in FDM considers it of very little worth. This more or less categorical view is not concurred in by [] nor by some of the customers. The USAGE reports which appeared as MGPs were given very favorable ORE evaluations with requests for more reports of the same type and quality. [] has found the raw reports interesting from an operational point of view. Likewise, they are of considerable value to POB as background material against which Mallner's material can be evaluated. We take a reasonable view of USAGE's material, especially in view of the fact that until a month ago when [] and [] briefed him, he had received practically no guidance in targets, evaluation, and reporting. By further coordinated operational and reporting guidance, we expect to improve his production considerably. We intend to disseminate his material as follows:

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a. Four copies of raw USAGE reports to [] two from ([] to [] ; two from [] to POB; one copy of selected and screened raw USAGE reports from [] to ODI, USFA; one copy of all raw reports to COS, Vienna; one raw copy from POB to FDM, except when edited as a MGP.

b. The distribution for Germany will remain as heretofore -- elastic and depending on the subject matter.

8. Attached is a distribution chart showing the flow of reports under the proposed system.

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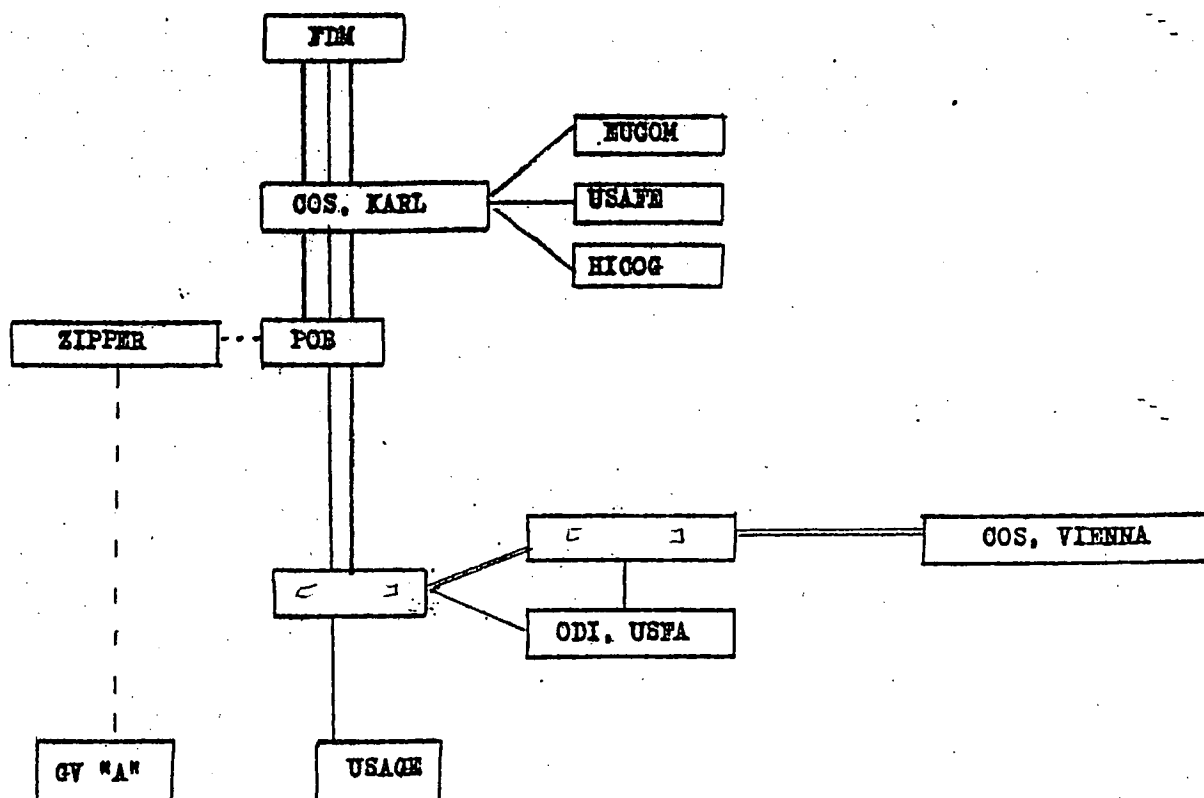
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DISSEMINATION OF ZIPPER AND USAGE INFORMATION CONCERNING ONLY INTERNAL AUSTRIAN MATTERS AND THUS OF INTEREST TO ODI, USFA; REPRESENTATIVE OF COS, VIENNA WITH ODI, USFA; COS, VIENNA.



- USAGE raw reports on internal Austrian affairs; 4 copies to [] two from [] to [] ; two from [] to POB; 1 copy of selected and screened raw USAGE reports from [] to ODI, USFA; 1 copy all raw USAGE reports to COS, Vienna; 1 copy raw USAGE reports from POB to FDM except when report is edited at POB and further disseminated as MGP.
- MGLs on internal Austrian affairs, including Soviet OB Austria; regular MGL dissemination by COS, Karlsruhe; 1 copy to ODI, USFA direct from POB (shown on distribution); 1 copy to COS, Vienna.
- MGPs on internal Austrian affairs, based on USAGE raw material; not disseminated ODI, USFA or COS, Vienna since raw USAGE material previously available.
- - - GV "A" raw reports on internal Austrian affairs, including Soviet OB Austria; provides basis for ZIPPER MGLs disseminated to ODI, USFA.

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